

Governor's Commission for a Drug Free Indiana

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Comprehensive Community Plan

County: UNION

LCC: UNION COUNTY

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Plan Summary

Mission Statement: The mission of the Union County Local Coordinating Council is: To prevent and reduce the abuse of tobacco, alcohol, and other drugs to enhance the quality of life for everyone in the community.
To provide resources for all Union County residents to maintain a healthy lifestyle.

History: The Union County Local Coordinating council was first organized in 1989. This group of concerned citizens began meeting after the Governor's Commission for a Drug Free Indiana initiated a plan for each county to address the drug and alcohol issues plaguing their communities. In early 1990, the group organized a month long "March against Drugs" campaign. This campaign provided the first opportunity for social and civic organizations, businesses, churches, schools, and the general public to join hands working together to generate attention and support and to take a public position against substance abuse.

While the LCC has worked on many substances abuse issues throughout the years, their main focus continues to be to reduce the misuse and abuse of ATID throughout the county. Additional concerns have been to educate the community members of the effects of using ATID, including the correlation between ATD OD use and criminal behavior. The LCC is also working to change the community norm that consuming alcohol is a necessary and normal part of social gatherings and community events. We are also striving to change the community norm that using alcohol and tobacco is a normal part of adolescent behavior.

The Local Coordinating Council held bi-weekly meetings focusing on the Comprehensive plan. These meetings were open to the public and were advertised to encourage participation. Coalition members worked on gathering data from all aspects of the community to ensure the supporting data was strong and proved the issues we are focusing on are relevant to Union County. After the coalition members gathered and collected the necessary information, the LCC coordinator compiled information into the Comprehensive Plan with assistance from the Regional Consultant from the Governor's Commission for a Drug Free Indiana. The plan was then reviewed and approved by the LCC and the County Commissioners.

Summary of the Comprehensive Community Plan: Each year the members of the LCC work as a team to form a plan of action in reducing misuse and abuse of ATOD for the upcoming year. We focus our plan on the needs of the community related to reducing substance abuse in Union County. This Comprehensive Community Plan will serve as Union County's plan for the next 3 years, with yearly updates being submitted to show our accomplishments and areas of focus for the upcoming year.

Following approval from the two groups, the plan is submitted to the state for approval. This plan is the document that serves as the guide for the LCC for the next several years when distributing grants and funds to county agencies and organizations assisting in our endeavors. The county commissioners will continue to have final signature authority in the recommendations made by the coalition when County Drug-Free Communities Fund dollars are being spent. The LCC will then monitor the progress of each funded program through quarterly written and verbal reports given at the monthly meetings that are held The second Thursday of each month.

Membership List

County LCC Name: Union County LCC

Name	Organization	Race	Gender	Category
Parker Moore	Tobacco Coalition	White	Male	Treatment
Eric Cantrell	UC Sheriff	White	Male	Law Enforcement
Ford Hoskins, JR.	Community Corrections	White	Male	Judicial
Blanche Stelle	UC Dev. Corp.	White	Female	Community Partnership
Alma Alcorn	UC Assessors Office	White	Female	Local/Gov't.
Kim Klein	UC Health Nurse	White	Female	Medicine
Allen Paddock	UC Commissioner	White	Male	Local/Gov't.
Brenda Ramey	Probation	White	Female	Judicial
Virginia Bostick	UC Auditor	White	Female	Local/Gov't.
Gary Moon	CASA	White	Male	Citizen
Betty Lake	Citizen	White	Female	Citizen
Ravenna Brown	Citizen	White	Female	Citizen
Jennifer Brannon	Teacher	White	Female	Teacher
Karen Kahl	UC Public Library Director	White	Female	Education
Shirley Hellem	Business Owner	White	Female	Citizen
Mary Snyder	Lay minister	White	Female	Faith
Kari Byrd	Therapist	White	Female	Treatment
Donna Leverton	Sheriff's Dept.	White	Female	Law Enforcement
Diann Timberman	Health Department	White	Female	Medicine
Terry Sheaff	Community Corrections	White	Female	Judicial
Marilyn Revelee	Citizen	White	Female	Citizen

Brenda Streamns	Citizen	White	Female	Citizen
Paul Harrison	ISP	White	Male	Law Enforcement
Kevin Perry	Libert Police Department	White	Male	Law Enforcement
Barry Boggs	Homeland Security	White	Male	Citizen
Karen Briggs	Reid Hospital	White	Female	Medicine
Elaine Meyers	Helath Department	White	Female	Medicine

Problem Identification

Problem Statement #1: Community norms support casual and accepting attitudes toward the misuse of alcohol, tobacco and other drugs (ATOD).

Supportive Data:

- Union County Community Schools received monies from the Safe and Drug Free Schools federal funds. In the school year 2002-04, funds were spent on student assisted programs; professional development; community programs and alternative education.
- Union County has three smoke-free restaurants in the county out of seven total restaurants (Union County Tobacco Coalition).
- There are no package liquor store permits and no 3-way (liquor, beer, wine) permits available in any city limits. the quotas for the permits are based upon the cities and not the county. the requirements are different for all types of permits. Currently, there are 15 active permits in Union County. Three of the businesses are not open. (Source: Indiana State Excise Police)
- In counties surrounding Union, all three were above a 20% non-compliance rate for the Tobacco Retailer Inspection Program (TRIP) targeted tobacco compliance checks. Fayette County's rate was between 21-40% and both Franklin and Wayne were between 41% and 60% non-compliance (Source: TRIP Compliance Inspections, 1999-2001).
- Indiana's excise tax on cigarettes is 55.5 cents per pack, 15 cents below the nation average of 70.5 cents per pack. Indiana raised the tax 50 cents in 2002, prior to that Indiana had the fifth lowest excise tax on cigarettes in the Union States. (Source: ITPC Fact Sheet, State Cigarette Excise Taxes, 2003)
- Indiana's user fee on beer is 11.5 cents per pack. 15 cents below the national average of 70.5 cents per pack. Indiana raised the tax 50 cents in 2002, prior to that Indiana had the fifth lowest excise tax on cigarettes in the United States. (Source: ITPC Fact Sheet, State Cigarette Excise Taxes, 2003)
- Indiana's user fee on beer is 11.5 cents per gallon; states surrounding Indiana have a rate of 15.8 cents per gallon. This is an average user fee of approximately 1 cent per drink.
- Union County School Corporation does not have a policy restricting tobacco use on school grounds. Smoking is not allowed inside school buildings per federal policy.

Year 1 Update:

- Kids World, Union County's only licensed day care center, currently does not have a policy restricting tobacco use on the property. While smoking is not allowed indoors, smoking is allowed outside the building on the grounds.
- Union County School Corporation had 79 students in the Out of School Suspension Program. Seven of these students had been in the program on more than one occasion. These students served 108 hours of community service. (Source: Community Corrections and UC School Corporation, 2005).

Year 2 Update:

- **Indiana's excise tax on cigarettes is 55.5 cents per pack, 15 cents below the nation average of 70.5 cents per pack. Indiana raised the tax 50 cents in 2002, prior to that Indiana had the fifth lowest excise tax on cigarettes in the Union States. (Source: ITPC Fact Sheet, State Cigarette Excise Taxes, 2003)**
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- **Indiana's user fee on beer is 11.5 cents per gallon; states surrounding Indiana have a rate of 15.8 cents per gallon. This is an average user fee of approximately 1 cent per drink.**
- **Although no tobacco policy is currently in place at the Union County School Corporation, the Tobacco Coalition in Union County has reported that the Union County School Corporation will be going smoke free as of January 1, 2007.**
- **There are 13 Tobacco Retail permits in Union County (Source: Indiana Excise Police)**
- **There are 16 Alcohol permits in Union County (Source: Indiana Excise Police)**

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Objectives:

- **Incorporate educational materials on Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drugs into the in-school suspension program.-no action**
- **Encourage beverage permit holders to undergo responsible alcohol server training- no action**
- **Develop a youth advocacy group - The LCC Continues to have a strong relationship with Jennifer Brannon in the schools and Peer Helpers.**
- **Work with the Union County tobacco coalition to develop and form a smoke-free campus policy in the Union County School Corporation. Applied for and received ITPC funding, workplans address Union County School Corporation.**

- **Incorporate a Red Ribbon Campaign into schools and community. Ongoing.**

Year 1 Update:

- Red Ribbon Week was a great success in all 4 schools.
- Elementary - each student received a red ribbon and activity book. Each classroom received a poster. Each classroom had a poster contest with each winning grade receiving zipper pulls and bracelet pins.
- Middle School - Display was set up during all 3 lunches. Activity books and ribbons were given to every student. A drawing was held for 40 bracelet pins to be given away. posters were given to the middle school.
- High School - A display was set up outside Mrs. Brannon's room with displays and pamphlets. Over 100 pamphlets were picked up about different drugs. Activity books were also picket up. Red Ribbons and bracelets and zipper pulls were also given out in FACS classes. Billie Jo Toney spoke in a FACS class about losing her niece to a drunk driver. A video was also shown during FACS.
- Over 1400 students and faculty were contacted about Red Ribbon Week.
- Rick Stoddard spoke at Union County Middle School at 8:30 on December 7th. He also spoke to UCHS students at 9:45.
- A display table and pamphlets were set up. Over 100 pamphlets were taken.
- Prom Promise - videos were shown during all 3 lunches and FACS classes
- 250 pledge cards were signed and silicon bracelets passed out

Year 2 Update:

- **The LCC continued to collaborate with the Peer Helpers group at the Union County High School to provide programs to the youth of Union County.**
- **During the 2006-2007 school year there are 11 Peer Helpers. They are providing many ATOD prevention programs to the entire school district.**
- **The Peer Helpers have given presentations in both speech classes & health classes using the funds given to them through a grant.**
- **ATOD is one of many prevention tools used in Out of School Suspension & In School Suspension programs in collaboration with the area schools and Union County Community Corrections.**
- **Red Ribbon Week activities occurred in all schools in October of 2006. Some of these included: announcements, distribution of Red Ribbons, poster contests and writing contests.**
- **The Union County School Corporation will be going 100% tobacco free on January 1, 2007.**

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Goals:

- **Community norms will begin to become less accepting of the misuse of alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs.**

Year 1 Annual Benchmarks:

- By year 2007 the LCC hopes to have the the total Union County School Corporation campus and Kids World Campus (Day care center)smoke free.
- Out of School Suspension rates will drop 5% by 2007.
- Continue to work to make all the restuarants smoke free.

Year 2 Annual Benchmarks:

- **The Union County School Corporation will be going smoke free on January 1st, 2007. (Reported by the Union County Tobacco Coalition)**
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Problem Statement #2: County residents lack awareness and education of the risks associated with the misuse and abuse of alcohol, tobacco and other drugs (ATOD).

Supportive Data:

- Indiana overall has the 5th highest smoking rate in the nation among adults at 27.4% That rate increases in East Central Indiana to 30.4% according to surveys done by the Indiana Tobacco Prevention and Cessation Agency in 2001 and 2002, respectively. (Source: ITPC Fact Sheets, Tobacco Use By Indiana Adults, 2002 and Smoking by Indiana Region, 2003)
- Thirteen and a half percent (13.5%) of mothers in Union County reported smoking during their pregnancy. While this is below the Indiana average of 20.3%. It is above the national average of 12.3 (Source: ITPC, Pregnant Women Smoking Rates by Indiana Counties 2002).
- According to the Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drug Use Survey conducted in 2001 by the Indiana Prevention Resource Center, the following represents usage rates by Union County students. See Attached.

Year 1 Update:

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Year 2 Update:

- An IPRC survey has not yet been conducted; however the school will be conducting the survey in 2007.
- According to a survey completed by the Union County Health Department, Union County School Corporation & the Union County Tobacco Coalition 10% of Union County Youth smoke with 20% using smokeless tobacco.
- 15% of pregnant women continue to use tobacco products while pregnant; this according to a survey completed by the Union County Health Department, Union County School Corporation and the Union County Tobacco Coalition.
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Objectives:

- The Tobacco Grant Support programs that work with pregnant women and new mothers on educating them on alcohol, tobacco and other drugs (ATOD).

- **Support drug-free events and activities within the schools and community.**
- **Encourage teachers to implement alcohol, tobacco and other drug issues (ATOD) into their classes.**
- **Library for parents of ATOD prevention in schools - has not been used by teachers.**
- **Work with local media to continue covering LCC activities and provide information on alcohol, tobacco and other drug related news. After prom, Cool Summer nights, Play in the Park and Red Ribbon.**
- **Support evidence based prevention programs.**

Year 1 Update:

- The Tobacco Grant supports programs that work with pregnant women and new mothers on educating them on alcohol, tobacco and other drugs (ATOD).
- Support drug-free events and activities within the schools and community. The LCC supported after prom, Ribbon Ribbon activities, and Health fair.
- The LCC also supported the following events; Founders Day, Cool Summer Nights, Play in the Park, Peer Helpers, and library for parents. One week prior to prom the High School offers a ATOD program.
- The LCC worked with local media to continue covering LCC activities and provide information on alcohol, tobacco and other drug related news. After prom, Cool Summer nights, Play in the Park and Red Ribbon.
- Encouraged teachers to implement alcohol, tobacco and other drug issues (ATOD) into their classes. - has not been used by teachers.
- Developed Library for parents of ATOD prevention in schools.
- Approximately 50 youth ages 10-14 participated in the Afternoons Rock prevention program at the Middle School.

Year 2 Update:

- **The tobacco coalition continues to work with pregnant women and is focusing on secondhand smoke.**
- **Through grants the LCC supported the following youth organizations in 2006: Cool Summer Nights, Peer Helpers, After Prom, & Health Curriculum.**
- **Pat Barkey spoke to a community group about tobacco related issues and the cost of using tobacco over-all.**
- **The LCC along with assistance from the local Police Departments implemented the MethWatch program.**
- **The LCC worked with the Meth Suppression Unit with the ISP to offer a training for the local highway department and the agricultural community.**
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Goals:

- **County residents will increase their awareness and understanding of the risks associated with misusing and abusing alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs.**

Year 1 Annual Benchmarks:

- County residents will increase their awareness and understanding of the risks associated with misusing and abusing alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs (ATOD) by attending events hosted by the LCC.
- The LCC will host or support at least 5 community or school based prevention events.
- The LCC will collaborate with the Tobacco Coalition in developing at least one new tobacco prevention or cessation program for pregnant women.

Year 2 Annual Benchmarks:

- **Union County Health Department has applied for funds from the Tobacco Coalition to provide a program for pregnant women throughout Union County. They will educate them on the harms of smoking during pregnancy.**
- **The LCC hosted 5 community events to educate the community on specific ATOD related issues (Meth presentations to agricultural community & the County Highway Department, Neighborhood Watch Training, booth at the local Health Fair & booth at the business expo.)**

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Problem Statement #3: There continues to be crime, violence, and other destructive behaviors related to the abuse of alcohol, tobacco and other drugs (ATOD).

Supportive Data:

- According to data provided by the Union County Sheriff's Department
- From 7/2002 through 6/2003 186 arrests were made related to alcohol and other drugs.
- In the 2002-2003 school year at Union County High School, there were 85 out of school suspensions: 39% or 33 were related to alcohol, tobacco and other drugs. In the 2003-2004 school year there were been 8 expulsions: 38% or 3 were alcohol related.
- According to data provided by the Union County Probation Department, 20 for the 65 juvenile offenses committed, were directly related to drugs and alcohol related.

Year 1 Update:

- According to the Union County Sheriff's Department from 1/2005 thru 12/2005 they had 169 alcohol related arrests and 57 drug related arrests.

Year 2 Update:

- **During the 2003-2004 school year there were 180 Out of School Suspensions with 9 of those being directly related to ATOD. 2004-2005 Out of School Suspensions were 163 with 5 directly related to ATOD. For the 2005-2006 school year there were a total of 138 Out of School Suspensions with 9 of them ATOD related. (Source: Union County High School)**
- **From January 1st to November 30th there were 345 arrests according to the Union County Sheriff's Department. Of those 174 were directly related to ATOD; which is equivalent to 50%.**
- **From January 1st 2006 to December 15th 2006, there were 195 Adults on probation with 91 of them ATOD related. (Union County Probation Statistics)**
- **From January 1st 2006 to December 15th 2006, there were 52 Juveniles on probation with 15 of them ATOD related. (Union County Probation Statistics)**

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Objectives:

- **Continue supporting the juvenile intake processing center and the evaluation of health and medical needs.**
- **Support the efforts to provide intervention/treatment services throughout the county.**
- **Support Intense Home Based Services in which the therapeutic agency councils probation offenders and their families.**
- **Support local law enforcement in their efforts to reduce drug and illegal alcohol use.**
- **Support community corrections objectives and programs relating to adult and juvenile offenders and probationers.**

- **Support programs that address domestic violence.**
- **Develop Meth related protocol for all agencies involved in the DEC procedures.**

Year 1 Update:

- Funded the Liberty Police Department to do over-time patrols around the school to enforce the tobacco laws. 7 arrests were made and parents were talked to.
- Developed a Meth Task Force November 2005 and had an initial meeting in December 2005. The meeting attracted 27 community members.
- The number of alcohol arrests have gone up by 27% and the drug arrests have gone down 8%.
- Supported College Corner Crime Watch.
- Supported the efforts to provide intervention/treatment services throughout the county.
- Purchased 200 tapes for interviews, sent Kim and JR to training.

Year 2 Update:

- **Supported the Union County Community Corrections Department by providing funding for video recording materials.**
- **Provided funding to a local therapist to provide a treatment program in the jail.**
- **The LCC created a Meth Task Force to look at the Meth issues throughout the community and create a plan to address the issues.**
- **The Indiana State Police's Meth Suppression Unit has regular representation at the LCC meeting.**
- **Had two representatives attend the MVOV Lite session in August.**
- **Provided funding to the Union County Sheriff's Department to calibrate their intoxilizer.**
- **Funded a portion of the purchase of a K-9 Unit.**

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Goals:

- **Decrease crime, violence, and other destructive behaviors related to the use of ATODs.**

Year 1 Annual Benchmarks:

- The Meth Task Force will develop a community plan to address the Meth problem.
- The Meth Task Force will meet at least quarterly to develop strategies and incorporate the Drug Endangered Children protocol.
- Decrease crime, violence and other destructive behaviors related to the abuse of alcohol, tobacco and other drug (ATOD) by 8%.

Year 2 Annual Benchmarks:

- **The Union County DCS has a Meth protocol in place for children taken out of homes due to Meth use.**
- **The Meth Task Force, a committee of the LCC, met monthly to review Meth strategies throughout Union County.**
- **From January 1st to November 30th there were 345 arrests according to the Union County Sheriff's Department. Of those 174 were directly related to ATOD; which is equivalent to 50%.**
- **Of those people on probation during 2006: Juveniles - 28.8% were ATOD related & Adults - 46.6% were ATOD related.**

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Please attach the County's Fiscal Report for review!

Next Annual Update Due: 12/31/2007

Next Comprehensive Community Plan Due: 12/31/2007

Date of Community Consultant Review: 1/2/2007

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